

Emergency Order Notice

STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA

OFFICE OF THE INSURANCE COMMISSIONER

JANE L. CLINE, COMMISSIONER

04-EO-02

IN THE MATTER OF: Proclamations of State of Emergency by Governor Bob Wise, dated May 28, 2004 and June 1, 2004.

EMERGENCY ADJUSTER ORDER

NOW COMES JANE L. CLINE, Insurance Commissioner for the State of West Virginia, by virtue of the authority vested in her pursuant to West Virginia Code Section 33-12B-11a, who does FIND and DECLARE as follows:

WHEREAS, severe storms beginning May 27, 2004 and extending through May 31, 2004 produced heavy sustained rains, strong winds and flash-flooding in Braxton, Gilmer, Jackson, Kanawha, Putnam, Raleigh, Roane, Logan, Mingo and Wyoming counties; and

WHEREAS, the affected counties include: Braxton, Gilmer, Jackson, Kanawha, Putnam, Raleigh, Roane, Logan, Mingo and Wyoming counties; and

WHEREAS, on May 28, 2004, Governor Bob Wise declared that a State of Emergency exists in Braxton, Gilmer, Jackson, Kanawha, Putnam, Raleigh and Roane counties; and

WHEREAS, on June 1, 2004, Governor Bob Wise declared that a State of Emergency exists in Logan, Mingo and Wyoming counties; and

WHEREAS, it is the opinion of the Commissioner that the heavy sustained rains and flooding are reasonably likely to produce a volume of claims and that the number of licensed adjusters in West Virginia is inadequate to properly meet the demand of the public during the emergency situation:

IT IS THEREFORE DECLARED that an insurance emergency exists in Braxton, Gilmer, Jackson, Kanawha, Putnam, Raleigh, Roane, Logan, Mingo and Wyoming counties.

ACCORDINGLY THE COMMISSIONER HEREBY AUTHORIZES the licensing of sufficient emergency adjusters to meet the demands of the public in the aforementioned counties; and

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that adjusters issued emergency licenses pursuant to this order shall be supervised by an adjuster licensed in this state or by an insurance company authorized to do business in this state; and

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that registration of the emergency adjusters shall be by letter to the Commissioner by the supervising adjuster or insurance company within twenty (20) days

of the date on which the non-licensed person begins adjusting activity in connection with the emergency situation; and

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that such registration is valid for ninety (90) days from the date of the registration letter; and

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that an extension of the ninety (90) day period may be requested by the supervising adjuster or insurance company.

ORDERED this 3rd day of June, 2004.

Jane L. Cline

Insurance Commissioner of the

State of West Virginia